THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Alliance Air presently operates a bi-weekly B-737 service (Flight No. CD 7253/7254) on Kolkata-Silchar and v.v. routes in addition to a daily ATR service (CD 7705/7706) and another bi-weekly ATR service (CD 7709/7710) on this route. Presently, there is no proposal to reroute the bi-weekly B-737 service *via* Guwahati nor to increase the frequency of operations.

(b) Does not arise.

Funds for Silchar Airport

4953. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are still considering as per the recommendations of the Task Force to provide Instrument of Landing System (ILS) and Runway Visual Range (RVR) measurement at Silchar Airport alongwith other airports in the region;

(b) if so, by when the ILS and RVR are expected to function for the sake of safe air services from these airports;

(c) whether the non-availability of the fund is the cause of the delay; and

(d) if so, whether any efforts are being made to provide funds on the basis of recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Airports Authority of India (AAI) has plan for installation of Instrument Landing System (ILS) and Ground Lighting Facilities at Silchar airport and the installation work is likely to be completed by December, 2006.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Postponement of written examination for transport licences

4954. SHRI M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the question papers of the written examination